

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Jan MICHIELENS, et al.

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For: SPECIAL GATEWAY FOR MULTIMEDIA NETWORKS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading:

**Background of the Invention**

Page 3, before the fifth paragraph beginning with "Accordingly, in a first", insert the heading:

**Summary of the Invention**

Page 6, before the eighth full paragraph beginning with "An embodiment" insert the heading:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Page 7, before the first paragraph, insert the heading:

**Detailed Description of the Invention**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

4. (Amended) A network according to claim 1 wherein the or each communication forwarding means includes translation means for translating an external reference of one or both of the hosts into an internal reference.

6. (Amended) A network according to claim 1 wherein the or each communication forwarding means also includes tracking means for measuring values of one or more predefined parameters related to the communication and the communication forwarding means also includes transmitting means for transmitting these values to a selected data receiver.

7. (Amended) A network according to claim 1 in which one or both of the Real Time Data over IP hosts includes message means for transmitting a message to the communication control means in order to indicate that a communication session is in progress.

8. (Amended) Communication control means as claimed in claim 1.

9. (Amended) Communication forwarding means as claimed in claim 1.

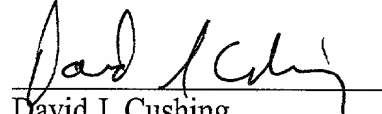
10. (Amended) A Real Time Data over IP host for use in a network according to claim 1.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

Section headings were added to pages 1, 3, 6 and 7.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

4.     (Amended) A network according to ~~any of the above claims~~claim 1 wherein the or each communication forwarding means includes translation means for translating an external reference of one or both of the hosts into an internal reference.
6.     (Amended)A network according to ~~any of the above claims~~claim 1 wherein the or each communication forwarding means also includes tracking means for measuring values of one or more predefined parameters related to the communication and the communication forwarding means also includes transmitting means for transmitting these values to a selected data receiver.
7.     (Amended)A network according to ~~any of the above claims~~claim 1 in which one or both of the Real Time Data over IP hosts includes message means for transmitting a message to the communication control means in order to indicate that a communication session is in progress.

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8. (Amended)Communication control means as claimed in ~~any of the above~~  
~~claims~~claim 1.
9. (Amended)Communication forwarding means as claimed in ~~any of claims 1—~~  
~~7~~claim 1.
10. (Amended)A Real Time Data over IP host for use in a network according to ~~any~~  
~~of claims 1—7~~claim 1.